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Shopping Cart Safety

Keeping your home hazard-free

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- ✓ According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, some 24,000 children each year are treated in hospital emergency rooms because they were injured in a mishap involving a shopping cart.
- ✓ 60% of these injuries involved children age 5 and under, who fall because they are unrestrained.
- ✓ Three-quarters of these injuries are to the head and neck, leading the Consumer Product Safety Commission to say, "Falls from shopping carts are among the leading causes of head injuries to young children."
- ✓ 3,900 injuries occur annually when children run into or strike their bodies against grocery carts.

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- ✓ 65% children injured are boys.
- ✓ Children under the age of 5 and all those left unattended are at the highest risk of shopping-cart injuries.
- ✓ Always use the safety strap to restrain your child in the cart, and stay close by.
- ✓ Don't let your child ride in the basket or on the outside of the cart.
- ✓ Never let your child stand up in a cart, ride on its frame, or push or steer it.
- ✓ Additional children present on the shopping trip increases the risk. Many injuries occur when an older sibling is trying push a cart that already has a younger sibling riding in it, causing it to tip over.



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